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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, 2008, at 11 a.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHELTON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, in the midst of challenges, give our Senators a vision of a land of freedom and justice. Remind them that no nation can be truly great without righteousness and that You possess the power to heal our land. May the work of this legislative body bring unity to the hearts of our citizens and security to our shores. As our lawmakers give their time, strength, and thoughts to the task of freedom, hasten the day when America will be a beacon of hope to our world. Lord, give to our national leaders the inspiration that will enable them to lead this country into making the American dream a reality.

We pray in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHELTON WHITEHOUSE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 25, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELTON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

STOP EXCESSIVE ENERGY SPECULATION ACT OF 2008

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3268, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3268) to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Reid amendment No. 5098, to establish the enactment date.

Reid amendment No. 5099 (to amendment No. 5098), to change the enactment date.

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid amendment No. 5100, to establish the effective date.

Reid amendment No. 5101 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), to change the enactment date.

Reid amendment No. 5102 (to amendment No. 5101), to change the enactment date.

CLOTURE MOTION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on S. 3268, the Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act of 2008.

Harry Reid, Richard Durbin, Barbara A. Mikulski, Frank R. Lautenberg, Christopher J. Dodd, Byron L. Dorgan, Bernard Sanders, Patty Murray, Benjamin L. Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, Amy Klobuchar, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Ron Wyden, Ken Salazar, Bill Nelson, Debbie Stabenow, Daniel K. Inouye, Sherrod Brown.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 3268, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

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